

Wexner Center/Weinland Park Community Arts Program

Purpose

Community driven contemporary art projects bring different kinds of people to the table and into dialogue about the changing image of their neighborhood. Engaging Weinland Park youth and residents in the process sets them into a place of leadership and supports their voices and perspectives. Pairing youth with professional artists facilitates role modeling and new perspectives and reciprocal inspiration.

Impact

Weinland Park Story Book: a graphic anthology of Weinland Park short stories and anecdotes collected by youth and then turned into comic book scripts. Over 40 Ohio artists worked on drawings for this book including professionals and neighborhood kids. Digital book available at www.wexarts.org.

Weinland Park Billboard Project: “taking back” a billboard that exclusively advertised beer and vodka and turning it into a temporary gateway into Weinland Park. Engaging with neighborhood youth through the Boys and Girls Club

and Godman Guild and pairing them with professional artists to develop four rotating billboard images for one year at the corner of 5th Ave. and 4th St.; creating a fresh presence into Weinland Park, which more closely reflects its residents.

Red Circle: free drop-in arts and crafts for families and kids in the Weinland Park shelter house during the spring, summer, and fall.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

The Wexner Center for the Arts

Community Partners Involved

Boys and Girls Club of Columbus
Godman Guild
Weinland Park Collaborative
Weinland Park Community Civic Association
Residents and youth of Weinland Park
Franklin County Summer Youth Employment Programs
Columbus Foundation

How you can get involved:

- Support the Wexner Center for the Arts by becoming a member! Volunteer for youth and family days through the Education Department at the Wexner Center for the Arts

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